









presentations. Sometimes one's blood runs hot in one's veins and the first of sending the fellow to the "world which is to come," is quite within the bounds of realization; but pity for the poor fellow smothered one's anger.

Hoping that those to whom I refer will read, and read over again what I have given above, and thanking you in anticipation,  
I remain,  
Yours truly,  
SKROW.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1892.

#### NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

The Shanghai native tea merchants have stated for the various tea-producing districts preparatory to the opening of the market.

The Shanghai magistrate to trying a murder case in which the victim was a native. It appears that the man was caught attempting to break into a house at Pootung. The neighbors strung him up to a pole, and so maltreated him that he succumbed to his injuries. The culprit was indicted for murder in the first degree, and are now being tried on that charge.

The Nanking Viceroy's deputy Yu has held, with the magistrate, another examination of the alleged Koloa conspirator, Wang King-lung. The prisoner confessed that he had joined the Society, but said he had never received any office, that he was only serving in a menial capacity, and that he knew nothing of the Society's affairs. In repeated cross-examinations Wang King-lung was unable to give any satisfactory answer to what he had said. Deputy Yu ordered him to receive 100 blows with the bamboo and 300 cuts with the whip. The prisoner was again remanded.

The following notice is posted on the door of the Nanking Viceroy's yamen:—As his Excellency has been very busy of late, it is impossible for him to give daily audience to the subordinate officials. From this time forth (excepting important military matters and foreign affairs, which his Excellency will discuss and settle at any time, day or night) all ordinary business that requires a personal interview, will receive attention only on the 4th, 8th, 12th, 16th, 20th, 24th, 28th and 30th days of the month. Should it happen that his Excellency does not hold a general reception on one of these days, he will specially receive such officials as have business to transact. On all other days his Excellency desires to deny himself to the "general public."

#### THE SAILING SHIP AND THE SHIPMASTER.

Captain Blackmore in an address before the Shipmasters' Society in London, said, "It is admitted on all hands that the sailing vessel is the only available school for seamen." In view of the steady increase of steamers in the carrying trade, this statement appears to be disputable. It is a truism that new conditions bring their own support. Under such circumstances, it would seem that if steamers are to replace sailing vessels entirely, the kind of seamanship required for the latter will be unnecessary and that demanded for steamers will be evolved from its surroundings. The chief weakness in this theory is that seamanship demands a knowledge of how to handle a vessel in all kinds of weather, under extraordinary circumstances, and often when the principal means of propulsion is lost. It all presupposes a practical as well as a theoretical knowledge and accompanying ability. These cannot be learned in the steamer school, and if the steamer school comes into vogue the chances for a seaman learning to become a seaman will be slim. The officer will then be simply a navigator, the sailor simply a lookout. That a steamer, masterless or otherwise, needs seamen in charge has been demonstrated too often, and the more closely the matter is studied, the more evident will it be that seamanship, of the kind learned in the handling of sailing ships, cannot be eliminated from the merchant service, and that Captain Blackmore's assertion is true.

The school, however, may disappear if it is true that steam is to replace sail upon the seas. Under such conditions the only way to retain it would be for maritime nations to maintain sailing vessels as school ships, and make attendance upon these compulsory upon all those who intended becoming sailors. This plan would be hardly feasible on account of other reasons besides that of expense. But if the school to depend entirely upon this plan? Sailing ships are on the increase again. Sail has taken a new lease of life and strength, and the master is again responsible for duties over which he has little, if any, control. Higher education in respect of the shipmaster is not a fad; it is not a bug-a-boo to scare over-zealous shipowners. It is a requirement necessary to enable the shipmaster to be the active agent in the support of the merchant marine. The whole history of shipping shows that in all successful commercial marines the shipmaster was largely instrumental in securing and holding prosperity. Despite the many changes that apparently tend to subordinate his position and to weaken his influence, the master still remains strong for bettering and building up a marine. This point should be remembered in this country where efforts are making toward the rehabilitation of our shipping. It may be accepted as a rule, that the ship is no better than its officer, and that the best officers are the product of good education as well as technical seamanship.

**"STARBOARD" AND "PORT."**  
Since the 1st July of last year the old words of command for altering the helm, viz., "starboard" and "port," have been given up on board the ships of the North German Lloyd and the Hamburg-American line, and the order "right" or "left" substituted.  
It is difficult to break with old customs, and seamen especially are conservative; it is therefore not a matter of wonder that many old sailors look with great disfavor upon this latest innovation. On board the steamers of the two great lines mentioned above, however, the change has been made obligatory, and, according to a report forwarded to the directors by one of their oldest captains, who was "himself opposed to the idea," has been attended with the happiest results.  
As soon as the order "right" is given, the

telegraph is moved to the right, the wheel is turned to the right, the ship turns to the right, the rudder-indicator points right, the rudder itself moves right, and the steering-mark on the compass as well, and so *vice versa* when the order "left" is given. Nothing can be simpler, and no possibility of mistake can arise.

The objection has been raised that the new words of command are not international and are therefore illegal; this statement, however, will not hold good, as both English and American pilots, in whom everyone has confidence, have made no difficulties in using the new words of command when piloting the ships of the two before-mentioned companies.

Such special words of command as "luff" and "keep away" will naturally be retained when ships are under sail; but otherwise it is pretty certain that before long in the whole German merchant service "right" and "left" will be substituted for "starboard" and "port" as has already been done in the German Navy; and when returning from the latter to the merchant service will no longer have to unlearn what they have been taught on board the men-of-war.

#### A TALE OF THE WASTE P.B.

The editor sat in his easy chair,  
Mid piles of MSS. everywhere.  
In heaps they lay  
On desk and floor,  
They blocked the way  
From chair to door;  
But space there was at the editor's knee  
For a yawning, gaping waste p.b.

The editor's face was a fearful frown  
As to read those piles he settled down;  
His hair he tore,  
Then heaved a sigh,  
While on the floor  
He turned his eye,  
And fixed his gaze imploringly  
On that yawning, gaping waste p.b.

III.  
The Rover's Bride was the first he read.  
And oh, the fearful words he said!  
His language strong  
Filled all the room,  
But right or wrong  
He pronounced this doom—  
"The Rover's Bride" shall married be  
To the yawning, gaping waste p.b.

IV.  
He threw it down with a mighty throw,  
Then turned to read "A World of Woe."  
He read the tale  
Right through and through—  
His face grew pale,  
His lips grew blue.

He paused, and placed most carefully  
"A World of Woe" in the waste p.b.  
V.  
And then he paused for the want of breath,  
He felt that his task would be his death.  
He moved his chair,  
He felt quite faint;  
He wanted air.

An old complaint.  
And then he said, "I've a friend in thee,  
You will see me through, my waste p.b."  
VI.  
He turned once more to his thankless task,  
To sample a poem (?) "I gently ask,"  
He read and read,  
"I was quite insane;  
He shook his head,  
And said with pain,  
"Don't ask, I pray, such riddles of me,  
They'd better go to the waste p.b."

VII.  
So on, and on, through that dreary day  
Did that editor plod his weary way.  
No grain of wheat  
Amid the chaff,  
No rich content  
To raise a laugh.  
But the pile is less, you can plainly see,  
Though full to the brim is the waste p.b.

#### PROGRESS OF SCIENCE.

There are now paper flower-pots.  
Hot milk is a tonic and nutritive as well.  
Wood fibre underwear is new and serviceable.  
A locomotive has been invented that consumes its own smoke.

According to scientists the grasshopper has ears on his fore-legs.  
A new English saddle has a series of springs to relieve the rider from jolting.  
Whisper can be transmitted 500 miles by the new telephone which, it is said, the Bell Company has just perfected.

Of the 300 miles of track now operated by electric cars in the United States, all but twenty miles employ the overhead system.  
There seems to be a demand for shoe ventilation.  
Various plans with this end in view have been formulated, but none seem to be practical.

Electrician Nikola Tesla says that the time is not far distant when a vessel at sea will be able to telegraph to shore without any direct connection.  
The effort to get rid of smoke is continuous and more or less successful. A smokeless fuel called "massute" is being used on steam rollers in Vienna. The fuel is composed of the liquid residue of petroleum refineries.

A flour mill in St. Paul, U.S.A., is to be run entirely by electricity, a local genius having invented a process for manufacturing the article which will require electrical machinery.  
A French chemist has discovered that aluminum is the light of nearly as high electric power as magnesium. Aluminum is much cheaper and emits no fumes.

A. B. Holton, of Chicago, has invented an apparatus by which runaway horses can be stopped by pressing a button connected with a battery, which will give them an electric shock.  
It is said that a Swiss savant has made a discovery by which he reduces milk to a dry powder in such a manner that by the addition of water it at once assumes all its natural properties.

According to the *National Zettling* a company has been organized in Hamburg to forward parcels by pneumatic tube from Hamburg to Buchen, about fifteen miles. The distance, it is expected, will be covered in eleven minutes.  
Electricity is now being used in mining, for ventilating, pumping, lighting, signaling, subservient hauling, hoisting, surface transportation, underground drilling, channeling, blasting, crushing, separating and clearing.

A recent English invention is a buoyant life-saving seat for ships. It is intended for use by boat, the upper and lower parts being made of buoyant material so that if thrown into the water, the apparatus will support several people comfortably.  
It now requires but thirteen pounds of water converted into steam with a pressure of 175 to 200 pounds in the boiler to secure one horsepower with a triple expansion engine. By the use of one-third more coal the pressure in the boiler and the horse-power can be doubled.  
A Glasgow chemist has discovered a new method of producing cyanide at one-third of the present cost of manufacture. The cheapening of this important product will have an important bearing on gold production, as it will enable many low-grade ores to be worked with profit.

Professor Jantke gives the Royal Society of Great Britain an account of his discovery of a

new alloy of gold and aluminium which is said to be the most brilliantly colored combination yet made. It has a fine purple color with ruby tints where the light is reflected from one surface of the alloy to the other.

Among recent inventions is an elastic heel made by interposing a piece of pure rubber between the layers of the leather, the whole being fastened together by a new method of nailing. It is said to relieve the strain on the muscles and tendons of the leg and to make walking easy.

The history and growth of inventions are subjects in which all are interested. The stylograph pen brought in £30,000 a year; the India-rubber tip in 1890, £20,000; metal plates for protecting the soles and heels of boots brought in £250,000 in all; the roller skate, £200,000. A clergyman realized £100 a week by the invention of a toy; another toy, the return ball, brought in an income of £10,000; the "Dancing Jim Crow," £15,000 a year. The inventor of a copper cap for children's boots was able to leave his heirs £100,000; while Singer, of sewing-machine fame, left at his death nearly £1,000,000.

It is reported in Westphalia that the experiments of several experts have resulted in the invention of a process of manufacturing pig-iron which will revolutionize the iron industry. The simultaneous application of the electric current and the use of an easily-made acid for extracting the iron from the ore is said to be the chief characteristic of the new method. The experiments were confined to the raw material forming the blast-furnace charge, and are said to have proved completely successful. The extraction of all metallic substances being rapidly and perfectly effected and the iron left in an absolutely pure condition. The process is stated to be 80 per cent. cheaper than the present blast-furnace method. The invention has been patented in all countries, and it is proposed to form a company with a capital of 50,000,000 marks (£2,500,000).

#### NEWS AND GOSSIP.

London has 15,370 policemen.  
Paris has the largest barometer.  
The grip is abating in Copenhagen.  
The Bank of England employs 1,100 persons.  
The best way to see Europe is from the top of a stage coach.

Monte Carlo boasts the finest winter resort hotel in Europe.  
The Bahamas Islands are now connected with the continent by cable.  
Two labor candidates were elected recently in the School Board at Derby.  
Since the Zulu war of 1880 British standards have not been taken into the field of battle.

Parisian bonifaces are wondering where the rich Americans have gone to this winter.  
Committees are being formed in Rome to encourage public amusements for the people.  
In Switzerland the first sugar factory is being erected at Romanshorn, from a German model.  
There have been twenty-seven cases of insanity in the Bavarian royal family during the last 100 years.

Each year £50,000 are expended in sprinkling the streets of London with sand to prevent horses slipping.  
Two Berlin doctors, instead of prescribing for each other, fought with pistols, and only one of them was killed.  
Emperor William still neglects to invite the Socialist members to his reception of the Chamber of Deputies.

It is reported that an English ship-building firm has received an order for a steamship to carry 9,000 tons cargo, the largest freight vessel yet constructed.  
The Empress of Austria was swindled by two Arabs in Alexandria, who sold her a worthless statuette of Isis as a real excavated Egyptian antiquity for £250.  
Prince George is not to leave the British Navy at present, a command will be given him, and as soon thereafter as decency will permit he will be made an Admiral.

Several large Vienna bankers and manufacturers announce that they will prohibit all their employees from going to the races during the coming spring season.  
One hundred and forty thousand persons have emigrated from Germany in eleven months of the past year by the port of Bremen. Eleven thousand of these were to Brazil.

The Englishman, Cooper, who was convicted for trying to bribe French gunmakers to give information concerning the manufacture of arms, on appeal had his sentence increased.  
The Empress Augusta of Germany recently presented each of the Berlin Sisters of Mercy with a hymn-book and a Bible, and in each book her Majesty wrote a text and her name.  
One of the Swiss railways has at present about one hundred and twenty cars equipped with electricity. The lamps are provided with a current from a storage battery placed in each of the cars.

In Belgium the rural folk maintain that leap year is not only unpropitious for all farming operations, but that throughout the year the young of the domestic animals will not thrive as at other times.  
The publication of the official medical reports concerning the health of the British troops in India is likely to create a demand for some change in the existing system. The mortality is uncommonly high.

The largest oak now standing in England is the "Crowthorpe," which measures seventy-eight feet in circumference at the ground. At one time this tree and its branches covered more than an acre of space.  
Mr. Gladstone's optimism regarding the improvement of the form of the above mentioned oak in England is based on, among other things, the advance in wages from £2.25 to £3.75 a week, a not over-startling amount.

The Princess of Wales gave to Mrs. Grimwood, in addition to the cheque of £1,500, a beautiful photograph of herself in a gold frame. The heroine of Manipur has lately declined an offer to lecture on her experiences.  
The latest craze in the Parisian flower market is the blue carnation. The blossom is nothing more or less than white flowers watered or dyed with some chemical fluid that produces the bluish-green or greenish-blue tint.

The success of the French postal savings bank, which were established ten years ago, is shown by the report for 1890. At the close of that year the total deposits were over £20,000,000, the number of depositors numbering over two millions.  
In Constantinople the Turkish women are eager to wear the costume of the West, while American women sojourning there are just as eager to wear the Turkish costume. Each thinks the costume of the other "just too lovely for anything."

The Trades' Council of Glasgow has petitioned the Town Council of that city to establish municipal workshops for the purpose of making all clothing needed for the inmates of public institutions and uniforms for the police and other officials.  
Twenty-three French physicians, all eminent in their own special line, have determined to establish an international clinic in Paris at 30, Rue d'Assis, where gratuitous consultations will be given to all applicants without any distinction of race, creed or malady.

Major Yonissas Kukulshina has started from Berlin to ride in the saddle to Japan. With a little care in pronouncing it the Major's first name might be made rather offensive to him, but a man who tries to ride from Berlin to Japan must expect something of the kind.  
The castle of Cronberg, the new residence of Empress Frederick, is nearly completed, and her Majesty is expected at the beginning of the spring. A fine suite of rooms is being prepared for Queen Victoria, as she will most likely pay her daughter a visit in the spring.  
Not content with planning an underground railway, one of Berlin's civil engineers plans a close grating of steel, well supported, which admits air, light and rain, and over which the usual street traffic is carried on.

Between two small lakes near Boras, Sweden, a strip of land has interrupted traffic, but engineers have overcome the difficulty by constructing a ship railway across it and building a small steamboat that can run itself across from one lake to the other. The vessel has accommodations for sixty persons.

A notable decrease in the number of deaths from hydrophobia is observed by the Registrar-General of London. The deaths from this disease have been thirty in 1889, and have averaged twenty-four annually in the three years, 1887-88-89; but there were only eight in 1890 and fewer than in any year since 1865.

A steamer is being built at Glasgow designed to beat the transatlantic record. With a length of 630 feet and a beam of only 70 feet, very fine lines are obtained, and about 200 feet of the ship are devoted to boilers and bunkers. The engines are a pair of triple, with four cylinders each, driving twin screws, and rated at 31,000 horse-power.

The Crown Princess of Sweden, who has been in Cairo since the beginning of the present winter, has hopes of restoration to health. The Princess, a cousin of the Emperor of Germany, is suffering from a pulmonary disease, caused by the raw climate of the North. She was ordered to spend the winter in Egypt as the only possible way of prolonging life.

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Hongkong, 18th March, 1892. [333]

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 25th inst. at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1892. [312]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place from the 21st to 31st instant, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., from Stone Cutters' Island in Western and South-Western directions, Belcher's Point in Northern and Western directions, and Lye-mun in North-Easterly, Easterly and South-Easterly directions.

All Ships, Tugs and other vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the ranges.

All people working in the vicinity of Belcher's Battery are warned to keep clear of that part which will be indicated by gunners placed on sentry for the purpose, and the inhabitants of the houses below the Battery are also warned to keep their glass windows open during the practice.

By Command, G. T. M. O'BRIEN, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th March, 1892. [334]

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having removed his residence to No. 90, WELLINGTON STREET, all CLAIMS against him personally, or against the CHEUNG TEK KONGSEE (or late ORUM FARM), as well as all papers and correspondence, should be sent to the above address.

KOH CHENG SEAN.

Hongkong, 29th February, 1892. [365]

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